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North Dakota Agricultural Prices

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in April is 107 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistical Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is down 4 percent from last year and 10 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 103 percent of the base, is down 2 percent from April 2005 and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 120 percent, is down 6 percent from last year. April indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The March Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products, recalculated with full month prices, was 109 percent of the base, down 3 percent from March 2005. The All Crops Index, at 104 percent, was down 4 percent from the previous year and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 125 percent, was down 1 percent.

Preliminary April prices, followed by the change from March:

- Spring Wheat, \$3.95 per bushel, up 13 cents;
- Durum Wheat, \$3.40 per bushel, up 3 cents;
- Winter Wheat, \$3.40 per bushel, up 5 cents;
- Feed Barley, \$1.50 per bushel, down 13 cents;
- Malting Barley, \$2.40 per bushel, unchanged;
- Oats, \$1.70 per bushel, down 9 cents;
- Corn, \$1.85 per bushel, up 1 cent;
- Soybeans, \$5.00 per bushel, down 20 cents;
- Flaxseed, \$5.45 per bushel, up 10 cents;
- Oil Sunflower, \$10.00 per hundredweight (cwt.), down 40 cents;
- Non-Oil Sunflower, \$16.30 per cwt., down \$1.90;
- All Dry Edible Beans, \$14.10 per cwt., down 40 cents;
- All Potatoes, \$7.35 per cwt., down 40 cents;
- Alfalfa Hay, \$50.00 per ton, down \$1.00;
- Other Hay, \$36.00 per ton, unchanged;
- Steers and Heifers, \$102.00 per cwt., down \$4.00;
- Cows, \$51.00 per cwt., down \$1.00;
- Calves, \$132.00 per cwt., unchanged.

March whole month prices, with no preliminary April, followed by the change from February:

- Canola, \$9.49 per cwt., down 25 cents;
- Pinto Beans, \$14.10 per cwt., up 60 cents;
- Navy Beans, \$17.40 per cwt., up 20 cents;
- Fresh Potatoes, \$13.90 per cwt., up \$1.80;
- Potatoes for Processing, \$5.90 per cwt., down 40 cents;
- Hogs, \$44.40 per cwt., up 30 cents;
- Lambs, \$99.00 per cwt., down \$4.00;
- Sheep, \$38.00 per cwt., down \$5.00.

April prices are preliminary and based on sales data for only part of the month. They will be replaced with whole month prices in next month's report. March prices are based on sales data for the entire month.

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**Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, April 2006**

| Indexes and Ratios | North Dakota | | | United States | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Apr 2005 | Mar 2006 | Apr 2006 | Apr 2005 | Mar 2006 | Apr 2006 |
| Prices Received | <i>(1990-92 = 100)</i> | | | | | |
| All Farm Products | 111 | 109 | 107 | 121 | 114 | 115 |
| Crops | 105 | 104 | 103 | 120 | 118 | 129 |
| Food Grains | 104 | 117 | 120 | 109 | 124 | 128 |
| Feed Grains & Hay | 90 | 94 | 90 | 96 | 98 | 101 |
| Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/} | 129 | 98 | 95 | 108 | 100 | 96 |
| Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/} | 94 | 101 | 94 | 112 | 135 | 143 |
| Livestock and Products | 128 | 125 | 120 | 122 | 110 | 104 |
| Meat Animals | 131 | 127 | 120 | 125 | 115 | 111 |
| Dairy Products | 132 | 132 | 132 | 116 | 96 | 93 |
| Other Livestock Products ^{3/} | 101 | 101 | 101 | 121 | 113 | 102 |
| Prices Paid | NA | NA | NA | 140 | 146 | 147 |
| Ratio ^{4/} | NA | NA | NA | 86 | 78 | 78 |

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, April 2006**

| Item | Unit | North Dakota | | | United States | | | Effective U.S. Parity Price Apr 2006 |
|------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| | | Entire Month | | Preliminary | Entire Month | | Preliminary | |
| | | Apr 2005 | Mar 2006 | Apr 2006 | Apr 2005 | Mar 2006 | Apr 2006 | |
| | | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> |
| Wheat, All | Bu | 3.28 | 3.66 | 3.79 | 3.35 | 3.79 | 3.90 | 10.50 |
| Durum | Bu | 3.51 | 3.37 | 3.40 | 3.63 | 3.39 | 3.43 | NA |
| Other Spring | Bu | 3.22 | 3.82 | 3.95 | 3.39 | 3.85 | 4.02 | NA |
| Winter | Bu | 2.23 | 3.35 | 3.40 | 3.27 | 3.82 | 3.91 | NA |
| Corn | Bu | 1.85 | 1.84 | 1.85 | 2.00 | 2.06 | 2.11 | 7.78 |
| Oats | Bu | ^{1/} | 1.79 | 1.70 | 1.65 | 1.81 | 1.72 | 4.32 |
| Barley, All | Bu | 1.90 | 2.20 | 2.13 | 2.26 | 2.71 | 2.67 | 7.27 |
| Feed | Bu | 1.41 | 1.63 | 1.50 | 1.56 | 1.80 | 1.74 | NA |
| Malting | Bu | 2.36 | 2.40 | 2.40 | 2.76 | 2.93 | 3.01 | NA |
| Sunflower, All | Cwt | 16.10 | 11.40 | 11.60 | 15.10 | 11.40 | 10.60 | 32.70 |
| Oil | Cwt | 14.20 | 10.40 | 10.00 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Non-oil | Cwt | 21.10 | 18.20 | 16.30 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Baled Hay, All ^{2/} | Ton | 58.00 | 48.00 | 47.00 | 99.40 | 97.10 | 106.00 | NA |
| Alfalfa ^{2/} | Ton | 62.00 | 51.00 | 50.00 | 105.00 | 100.00 | 110.00 | NA |
| Other ^{2/} | Ton | 46.00 | 36.00 | 36.00 | 81.60 | 86.60 | 93.20 | NA |
| Canola | Cwt | 10.20 | 9.49 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 27.00 |
| Flaxseed | Bu | 12.30 | 5.35 | 5.45 | 12.30 | 5.35 | 5.45 | 15.50 |
| Soybeans | Bu | 5.88 | 5.20 | 5.00 | 6.03 | 5.57 | 5.39 | 17.20 |
| Dry Edible Beans, All | Cwt | 24.80 | 14.50 | 14.10 | 28.70 | 17.10 | 19.40 | 54.90 |
| Navy | Cwt | 23.80 | 17.40 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Pinto | Cwt | 26.30 | 14.10 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Potatoes, All | Cwt | 6.35 | 7.75 | 7.35 | 6.20 | 8.21 | 8.66 | 16.10 |
| Fresh ^{3/} | Cwt | 5.45 | 13.90 | NA | 7.22 | 12.42 | NA | NA |
| Processing | Cwt | 6.00 | 5.90 | NA | 5.47 | 5.82 | NA | NA |
| Beef Cattle | Cwt | 96.70 | 98.40 | 89.30 | 93.70 | 88.10 | 85.20 | 193.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt | 108.00 | 106.00 | 102.00 | 98.10 | 93.00 | 89.70 | NA |
| Cows | Cwt | 61.00 | 52.00 | 51.00 | 57.00 | 49.50 | 48.70 | NA |
| Calves | Cwt | 138.00 | 132.00 | 132.00 | 141.00 | 138.00 | 136.00 | 268.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt | 42.00 | 38.00 | NA | 45.10 | 39.50 | NA | 95.60 |
| Lambs | Cwt | 113.00 | 99.00 | NA | 114.00 | 91.10 | NA | 233.00 |
| Hogs | Cwt | 53.00 | 44.40 | NA | 51.10 | 42.80 | 39.10 | 117.00 |

1/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 2/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

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